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Public Policy Agenda Executive Summary

The Greater Akron Region is poised to realize economic growth and investment over the coming years, and the Greater Akron Chamber is ready to spearhead the charge for business and job growth for the area. As a leading economic development organization, the Chamber is dedicated to creating a political climate that encourages business attraction and retention, job creation, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and infrastructure support, making the Greater Akron Region a superior choice for business location and providing a high quality of life for the people of the region.

The 2007 Public Policy Agenda outlines the issues that our business leadership believes will promote investment in our region. The Chamber will proactively work with our decision makers at the local, state, and federal levels to impact decisions that will positively affect the business climate of Northeast Ohio. With the help of our members and partners, we know that we can provide a framework for guiding responsible public policy decisions that foster economic growth, job creation, and a strong quality of life for our communities.

Tax Reform

- Ohio took a major step in attracting and retaining businesses by passing a comprehensive tax reform package in 2005. The initiation of the Commercial Activity Tax and elimination of tangible personal property taxes are intended to create a positive business climate. **The Greater Akron Chamber will continue to monitor tax initiatives at the local and state levels as they pertain to business and will advocate for any changes necessary to create and maintain a tax climate that fosters business development.**
- Ohio should continue to look for ways to streamline sales tax collections among states. **The Greater Akron Chamber will continue to support efforts by the Ohio Legislature to implement the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project.**
- Local tax initiatives and levies can be prudent investments for business development and growth. **The Greater Akron Chamber will monitor tax initiatives and levies at the local level. The Chamber will continue its policy of involvement in issues that fit the Chamber's mission of promoting economic development to benefit the people of the Greater Akron Region.**